MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member if all these four officers are capable of being appointed as the head of the department ?

PRESIDENT : It is a matter of opinion.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member whether the person proposed to be appointed possesses higher qualifications than those in the department ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question has not been decided as to who should be appointed whether it should be a person from outside the State or from the State service itself.

The V. M. Schools for Girls in Nedumangad.

134. ✻**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state how many V. M. Schools for Girls there are in the Nedumangad taluk ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : One.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether that one school is held in a Govenment building ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : It is held in a rented building.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member why that school is held in a rented building ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Because the Government building there collapsed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member how long it is since the Government building collapsed ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : It collapsed about a year and a half ago. I believe, I gave a similar answer yesterday also.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether there is any proposal for reconstructing the building or erecting a new building ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes; an estimate has been called for.

Article headed "A Warning to Cocoa Mat Buyers."

135. ✻**MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of an article published under the caption, " A Warning to Cocoa Mat Buyers " in The Carpet and Upholstery Trade Review and the Rug Trade Review of 15th January 1934 ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

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MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether the article contained any allegation against the Travancore shipper of mats and matting?

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether these allegations affect, in any way, the position of the Travancore shipper of mats and mattings to markets in America?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, it is supposed that the allegations will affect the Travancore merchants.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member what action Government have taken in the matter?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): This Government have addressed the Government of India to do whatever is possible in the matter.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether Government have received any representations from the Travancore Chamber of Commerce for the compulsory registry of trade names?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether Government have received any recommendation from the Economic Development Board that the names should be entered on the goods before they are exported?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the Travancore Publicity Officer has contradicted the statement contained in the said review?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member why the Publicity Officer has not made any statement regarding it?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Because the Government have taken the necessary action.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether the attention of the Government was drawn to this article after this interpellation was received or even before that?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Before that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know from the member whether Government have considered the possibility of getting a contradictory statement published in the very same journal?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know from the member why Government did not think of that before addressing the Government of India?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government took a different action. That is all.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is it because it was the apprehension of the Government that they would not be able to get an article published in the Review?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government did not consider it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member the wording of the allegations contained in the article?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): A copy of the article will be placed on the table if necessary.

MR. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): May I know from the member whether the Travancore shippers have been called rogues in that article?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Graduate clerks in the Registration Department.

136 ❋**MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of graduate clerks in the Registration Department; and

(*b*) the number of Ezhava graduate clerks?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 48.

(*b*) 2.

Kalavoor dispensary.

137. ❋**MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what the distance of Kalavoor dispensary from the Alleppey District Hospital and the Leper Asylum at Alleppey, respectively, is;

(*b*) whether there is any means of communication to the dispensary from Alleppey or any other place;

(*c*) whether the present Darbar Physician has visited the dispensary; and

(*d*) if so, what was the vehicle used for going to and returning from the dispensary?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Nearly 10 miles from the Alleppey District Hospital and nearly 9 miles from the Leper Asylum at Alleppey.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Motor car for 8 miles from Alleppey on the Alleppey-Shertala Road; *Manchal* from there to the dispensary and *Vallam* by sea for returning to Alleppey.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): I wanted to know the distance from the present place.

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